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To All Interested Parties:

As the enclosed notice explains, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) on proposed integration of electrical power from the Wallula Power Project into the Federal transmission grid. There will be several opportunities for public participation in the EIS process.

While the Wallula Power Project would be located in Washington and under the jurisdiction of the Washington Energy Facility Evaluation Council (Washington EFSEC), and while BPA is preparing this EIS in cooperation with Washington EFSEC, a substantial portion of the necessary transmission line would be located in Oregon. Potentially affected interests in Oregon will have an equal opportunity to participate in the decision making process. We are now planning public meetings in affected communities in both Washington and Oregon; details will follow.

We look forward to your participation in BPA's decision making process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas C. McKinney 4-05-01

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Enclosure:

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement